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# NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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Florence Burn, an English nurse attached to the French army, has been decorated at Steen-Voorde, near Hazebrouck, with a bronze medal conferred by the French Government for services in nursing infectious cases.

A million and a quarter letters and 150,000 parcels are forwarded each day from London to the British Army serving abroad. The sorting room of the new Army Parcels Post Office in Regent's Park covers four acres. A parcel posted before four in the afternoon to a man in the trenches is delivered to him the next evening.

The British Red Cross during the first year of the war sent out 10,000,000 articles. Recently at the request of the War Office goods weighing 250 tons were dispatched during forty-eight hours.

Free meals are given to the poor of Vienna at a cost of about \$70,000 a month. The price of beer has been raised for the third time since the war began.

A society exists in Great Britain known as the National Egg Collection for the Wounded. It has recently received the thirteenth million egg. The secretary states that this is not sufficient by one-third to supply the men in the base hospitals alone.

Nurses in white uniforms marched in a procession of women war workers in London not long since. The Green Cross, first aid detachments, women police, women signallers, women's volunteer reserve, war hospital supply units, women gardeners and other representatives of women who have taken up men's work during war time were there. Women munition workers were to have marched too, but sent a message that they were too tired, having worked all night.

The *Echo Belge* states that Brussels has so far refused to pay the fine of 500,000 marks, about \$125,000 imposed on the town for the killing of the spy who betrayed Edith Cavell to the German authorities.

The youngest son of the present Lord Tennyson, a grandson of the poet, has been killed. He was a sub-lieutenant in the Navy. His two brothers are also serving in the war.

The members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force presented Captain Kato of the Japanese war ship Ibuki, which assisted in conveying the troops to Egypt, with a silver model of a Maori war canoe.

The Queen of England has consented to unveil the memorial bust of Florence Nightingale, first and greatest of war nurses, which has been placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral. A year ago a statue erected to her memory in Waterloo Place, London, was formally unveiled.

In a munition factory in Yorkshire a woman bores a hole an eighth of an inch in diameter, which has to continue dead true through twelve inches of steel. Her delicacy of touch makes her of greater use than an unskilled man. The test is the tally of broken tools and she has as yet a clean sheet. She was previously a charwoman.

Prince George of England, now in his fourteenth year, fourth son of the King, performed his first public function when he handed over to the Belgian Field Hospital a fully equipped motor ambulance. The money for it had been subscribed by school children.

The *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* says that as Germany's need of babies will in future be greater than ever, landlords will be guilty of treasonably unpatriotic conduct if they refuse to rent flats to people blessed with many children.

Trench foot is caused by the trenches becoming water soaked, the natural oil disappears and bacteria grow. Boots must not be too tight to interfere with the circulation and to allow dry air to surround the feet. The Italians wrap the feet in a linen cloth saturated with tallow, lard with salicylic acid, oil of spikenard and oil of lemon.

Some of the large hotels at Monte Carlo have been turned into hospitals. The gaming tables at the Casino are still frequented but the famous Hotel de Paris is almost deserted.

An Englishman named Cochrane has spent thousands of pounds in installing a hospital at Mentone, on the Riviera, for the French wounded. It is a splendid new hotel, with marble floors, great halls and beautiful and spacious grounds. The nurses are English women; an observer says of them "those quiet, silent, undemonstrative women, who are the flower of the earth and ideal nurses."

A writer in an English journal prophesies that one of the results of the war will be the interchange of national recipes in the art of cooking. "Irish stew" penetrated the French menu just after the battle of Waterloo. The art of omelette making came to England from Normandy.

The Aga Khan, the great leader of opinion in India and religious head of Islam in that country, says that henceforth India will be incorporate in thought and feeling with Great Britain. The great wave of loyalty, so manifest in every class and caste in India, is the result, he says, of the justice, if not always the generosity of British rule.